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Dear MACers,

We now have reached the end of the summer, and since I am on an academic calendar, I always feel as though the year starts in September. Students come back, people return to work, and the days become shorter and crisper. I always have thought there is no better place to be in the autumn than the Midwest. But this time of year also brings the sense of endings, and as I am more than half way through my term, I already am trying to figure out what I need to finish up and bring to a close for your next president.

In many ways, this will drive the next Council meeting, to be held in Dayton immediately prior to the symposium. At that meeting, Council will examine a number of issues as well as receiving the report of the Task Force on Education. The results from the survey are back, and we had an amazing response rate of 44 percent! Thanks to everyone who participated—we need this input. MAC has resources, and one of Council's decisions will be where to focus these resources.

No one ever likes to hear the word strategic planning, but Council will be doing some strategizing at the meeting. In 2006, MAC President Elisabeth Wittman oversaw a strategic planning session, and I went back to look through the report (now available on the MAC Web site under reports) that was printed in the *MAC Newsletter*. Thankfully, MAC has completed a lot of the projects and goals that were listed. But now it is time to consider where we want to go in the next 5–10 years, and Council will be discussing that in depth. If there is anything you think should be considered, please let me know at [tzanish@iastate.edu](mailto:tzanish@iastate.edu)

I hope to see many of you at the symposium—not only is it an educational experience (\$100 for the opportunity to hear from Rick Pifer, Chris Prom, Ciaran Trace, and Beth Yakel), but there are many things to do and see around the Dayton and Wright State area. The Wright Patterson Air Force Base Museum, the village of Yellow Springs, and Clifton Mill are all just minutes away. And finally, the best reason to come to a MAC meeting or symposium—the opportunity to network and share with your archival colleagues!

Warm regards,



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